

Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal

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This application should be refused for the reason mentioned below. If the applicant has any argument against the reason, such argument should be submitted within 60 days from the date on which this notification was dispatched.

Reason

[Reason 1]

The invention(s) in the claim(s) listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 29(2) since it could have easily been made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the invention(s) pertains, on the basis of the invention(s) described in the publication(s) listed below which was distributed in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filing of the subject application.

Note

Reference cited in this Notification is listed at the end.

Reference 1 for claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 17 and 18

Reference 1 recites a host computer provided with a input means for designation inputting of document size and a first processing means for transmitting the document size data to a scanner. A scanning device for determining a scanning area on the basis of a received size data is also recited (claim 2).

References 1 and 2 for claims 3, 12 and 19

Reference 2 recites a hosting device for designating a reading area by using an image frame.

References 1 and 2 for claims 4, 13 and 20

Reference 1 recites that a scanning device starts scanner operation by turning on a scanning switch SW24 of the scanning device or by receiving a scanning start command from a host computer (paragraph 0049 – 0054).

References 1 and 2 for claims 5, 6, 14 and 21

Reference 1 recites that it is possible to change the document size already set by a host computer by operating an operation panel of a scanning device (paragraph 0043).

A document size is a kind of scanning condition. Therefore, it is considered that changing the document size at a scanner side can easily be achieved.

List of Cited References

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-215113
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-122437

[Reason 2]

The subject application does not fulfill the requirement under the provision of Patent Law Section 37 because of the following.

Note

Main part of each of the invention of claims 1 and 7 are considered not to be identical. Further, their objects to be solved are also considered not to be identical.

The present application is against the requirement under the provision of Patent Law Section 37. Therefore, the invention of claims except claims 1 – 6, 10 – 14 and 17 – 21 are not examined in respect of their novelty, inventive step and the like.

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Record of the result of prior art search

- Technical field(s) to be searched Int.Cl.(7)
  - H04N1/00-1/00, 108
  - H04N1/04-1/207
  - G06T1/00
  - G06T1/06
- Prior Art Document(s)
  - Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 63-191470
  - Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-134427
  - Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-122434
  - Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-73487
  - Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-32221
  - Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-175696

This record is not a component(s) of the reason(s) for refusal.